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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT FOR AFRICAN FORCES FOR SHABA  
PARIS FOR DAS LANNON WALKER  
REF: USCINCEUR MESSAGE DTG 041225Z JUN 18 (NOTAL)

1. REF MESSAGE FROM USCINCEUR NOTES THAT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO LIFT REQUIREMENTS FROM ABIDJAN, LIBREVILLE, DAKAR AND LOME HAS VARIED CONSIDERABLY AND SEEMS LESS THAN  
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FIRM. USCINCEUR ASKS JCS ASSISTANCE IN WORKING THROUGH US DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO OBTAIN THE DATA.

2. AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION, ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT, AS OF NOW, USG IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING 30 (THIRTY) SORTIES TO REMOVE FRENCH FORCES AND EQUIPMENT FROM SHABA. WE HAVE AGREED THAT SOUTHBOUND FLIGHTS OF THESE AIRCRAFT

MAY BE USED TO TRANSPORT MILITARY CONTINGENTS FROM VARIOUS AFRICAN STATES TO SHABA, WITH LOGISTICAL ASPECTS TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN FRENCH AND EUROM.

3. AT OUR REQUEST GOF INFORMED EACH GOVERNMENT CONCERNED THAT A BILATERAL REQUEST TO USG WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO

PROVISION OF LIFT ASSISTANCE BY US. AFRICAN STATES CONCERNED HAVE COMPLIED, AND IN SOME INSTANCES PROVIDED AT LEAST TENTATIVE FIGURES ON MEN AND MATERIAL TO BE LIFTED.

4. THAT REQUIREMENT HAVING BEEN MET, HOWEVER, FURTHER COORDINATION AND PLANNING IS TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE FRENCH RPT BY THE FRENCH BETWEEN THE AFRICAN STATES CONCERNED AND EUROM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY GUIDANCE DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT WE TAKE SECOND PLACE TO FRENCH IN WORKING WITH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNED.

5. NEVERTHELESS, WE ASSUME THAT ACTION ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES WILL BE KEPT POSTED ON CURRENT STATUS OF LIFT REQUIREMENTS BY HOST GOVERNMENTS AND BY LOCAL FRENCH REPS. EMBASSIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONVEY SUCH INFORMATION PROMPTLY TO EUROM AND OTHER MILITARY ADDRESSEES AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, THE DEPARTMENT. SUCH MESSAGES SHOULD GO FAR TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS NOTED REFTEL BY USCINCEUR. VANCE

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